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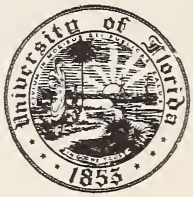

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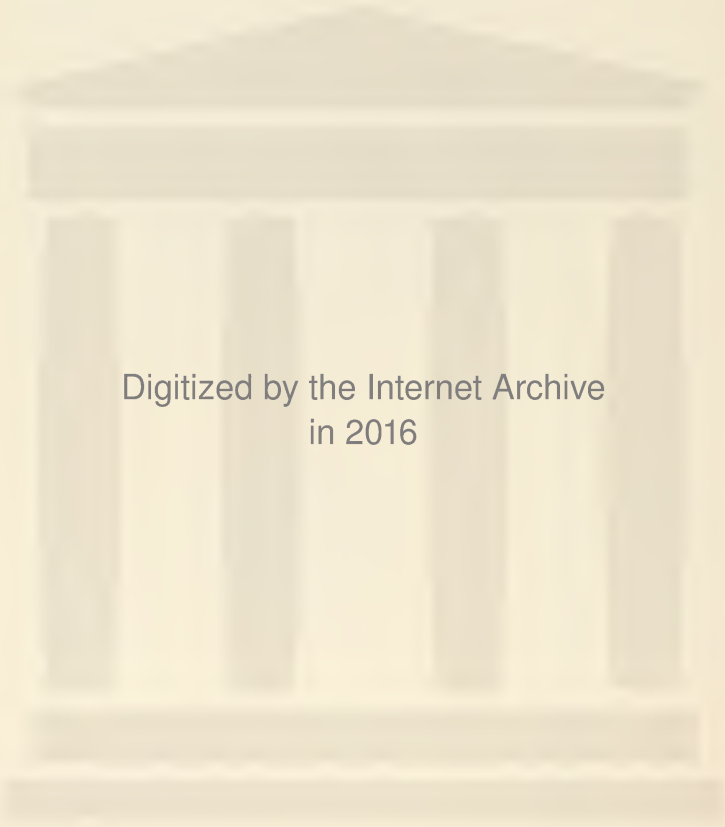

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Biography

DWIGHT LAING ROGERS was born near Reidsville, Tattnall County, Ga., August 17, 1886; attended the public schools and Locust Grove Institute at Locust Grove, Ga.; was graduated from the University of Georgia at Athens in 1909 and from the law department of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1910; was admitted to the bar in 1910 and commenced practice in Ocilla, Ga.; moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 1925, and continued the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives 1930–38, serving as speaker pro tempore in 1933; chairman of Appeal Board No. 4 of the Selective Service System 1941–44; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth and to the five succeeding Congresses, but died before the convening of the Eighty-fourth Congress; served from January 3, 1945, until his death in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., December 1, 1954; interment in Lauderdale Memorial Park, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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THURSDAY, *December 2, 1954.*

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I have spoken with the distinguished majority leader and the distinguished minority leader with reference to the privileged matter to which I desire to refer briefly. I wish the Senate to know that the matter has been cleared by both leaders.

It is my sad duty to announce to the Senate the death of one of my colleagues in the House of Representatives, the Honorable DWIGHT L. ROGERS, late a Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Florida. Representative ROGERS passed away suddenly last night at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he had made his home for many years.

DWIGHT ROGERS was elected to Congress in 1944 as the first Representative of the Sixth Congressional District of Florida, and had been reelected to every subsequent Congress, so that he was the only Representative who, up to this time, has represented the Sixth Congressional District of our State. He has represented that district, its people, our State, and our Nation with very great distinction and outstanding ability.

Personally I feel very great distress in making this announcement because of the most friendly relations between the late Representative and myself. We served together for several years in the Legislature of Florida. Later we have served together in Congress for 8 years. I counted him one of my warmest and most beloved friends. Our wives and our families were very close friends.

My entire family will deeply mourn his passing.

Representative ROGERS possessed a singular charm and courtesy of manner; and I have been greatly impressed this morning by the large number of my colleagues and others in Washington who already have called to express their sym-

pathy and regret, and their very great affection and respect for Representative ROGERS.

He was, in my estimation, a Christian gentleman of the highest type. He was a highly effective Representative. Above and beyond that, Mr. President, he was one of the dearest friends any individual could ever have. I deeply mourn his passing.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, will the Senator from Florida yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished minority leader.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. I wish to associate myself with all the fine, generous statements which the distinguished senior Senator from Florida has just made about my good friend, DWIGHT ROGERS. I learned of his passing early this morning. The news of his death came as a great shock.

I served in the House with DWIGHT ROGERS for many years. He was a gentle, kindly man—one who had the love and affection of the Members of the House on both sides of the aisle. His passing will be deeply regretted. He was an outstanding public servant, and was deeply devoted to his country.

I shall long remember the hospitality he extended to me when I visited the great State which he in part represented.

He will be missed by all of us who knew him and loved him. Our hearts and our sympathy are with his wife and his beloved family.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the distinguished minority leader.

Mr. CASE of South Dakota. Mr. President, will the Senator from Florida yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. CASE of South Dakota. I, too, served in the House of Representatives for many years with DWIGHT L. ROGERS. I

wish to second, in as strong words as I can, the sentiments which have been expressed by the distinguished Senator from Florida and the distinguished Senator from Texas with respect to him.

Representative ROGERS was a kindly man, a just man, and a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. We did not happen to serve on the same committees; but yet we came to know each other quite well. He had the respect of every Member of the House of Representatives.

He was a great battler for the interests of the veterans, and a strong champion of the common people. He had a fine sense of justice and fairness. He never compromised his principles, but fought for them with zeal, courtesy, and dignity.

The death of Representative ROGERS is a great loss to the House of Representatives and to the Nation.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, will the Senator from Florida yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished Senator from Kansas.

Mr. CARLSON. I would not like to let this opportunity pass without expressing sincere regret upon the sudden and untimely death of Representative DWIGHT ROGERS. It happened that Representative ROGERS and his wife lived in the same hotel in which Mrs. Carlson and I reside. We had the opportunity to meet with one another frequently. I had the privilege of serving with him in the House of Representatives. Therefore, our associations have been very close.

As the junior Senator from South Dakota has just stated, Representative ROGERS was an outstanding gentleman, a devoted Christian, and an exemplary citizen of this country.

Personally, I feel that Mrs. Carlson and I have suffered a great loss. In his departure, I know that the great State of Florida and the Nation as a whole have suffered a real loss.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the distinguished Senator from Kansas.

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, will the Senator from Florida yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. ERVIN. I share the sorrow of the Senator from Florida and the people of Florida in the passing of DWIGHT ROGERS. I shall always consider it to have been one of the rare privileges of my life to have served with him for a time in the 79th Congress. He was a patriotic American, and was also, in the finest sense of the term, a Christian gentleman.

I share the sorrow of his beloved family, of his friends, and the State of Florida, in his passing.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the distinguished Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, will the Senator from Florida yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. STENNIS. I certainly share the sentiments expressed by other Senators, which I know are so very sincere, and the grief, which is so very deep, sustained by the Senator from Florida in the passing of Representative ROGERS.

As one who did not have the privilege of serving with Representative ROGERS in the House, but who had known him for several years, I greatly admired his fine Christian character, his genial personality, and his great sincerity in representing the people of his district whom he served in Congress. I know of his great interest in the veterans, and of his untiring work in matters affecting them.

To his family, his friends, and his great State of Florida, I extend my most sincere sympathy upon the loss of this distinguished Representative, with a record which marked him as a statesman.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the distinguished Senator.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Mr. President, will the Senator from Florida yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ROBERTSON. I share the regret expressed by the distinguished Senator from Florida upon the untimely death of his colleague from the Fort Lauderdale district of Florida. I had the pleasure and privilege of serving in the House of Representatives with Representative ROGERS for 2 years. After I came to the Senate, I frequently saw him as he would come over to the Senate to consult with his Florida colleagues.

Representative ROGERS, a man of sterling character and outstanding ability, was dedicated to the promotion of the welfare of his district, of his great State, and of our great Nation. We have lost a very valuable Member of the House.

I share the distress which I know is felt among all his constituents from whom he has been taken away.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the Senator from Virginia.

Mr. SYMINGTON. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues in expressing deep regret at the death of DWIGHT ROGERS. DWIGHT was one of the best friends I had in Washington. He and I had many happy hours together. I extend to his family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the distinguished Senator from Missouri for his statement.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. HOLLAND. I yield to the distinguished Senator from Georgia.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. President, I desire to pay my respects and to associate myself with the tributes which have been paid to the late Representative DWIGHT ROGERS. Mr. ROGERS was born and reared in my State of Georgia and practiced law in Ocilla, Ga., for a number of years. He had been my friend since we both reached maturity. I mourn his passing. He was an able Representative in Congress, diligent

in his service to the people, and devoted to the well-being and the interests of this great land of ours.

DWIGHT ROGERS was a successful Representative. He sponsored many important legislative measures which bear his name. His death will be mourned in Georgia as it will be in Florida. I extend my sympathy to his family. I mourn his passing as a personal friend.

Mr. HOLLAND. I thank the distinguished Senator from Georgia for his kind remarks.

Mr. President, I have sent forward to the desk a privileged resolution, which I ask to have considered and adopted at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the resolution.

The clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 335), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. DWIGHT L. ROGERS, late a Representative from the State of Florida.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives when it next assembles, and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, do adjourn.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution was considered and unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the second resolving clause of the resolution, the Chair appoints the two distinguished Senators from Florida [Mr. Holland and Mr. Smathers] as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

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WEDNESDAY, *January 5, 1955.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 335):

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Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I take the floor on this occasion, for I have the sad duty to announce to the House the death on December 1 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of our beloved and distinguished colleague, DWIGHT L. ROGERS. Many persons knew and worked with DWIGHT ROGERS during his period of service in this great deliberative body. Each of them knew him as one of the most beloved, one of the ablest, one of the most sincere and conscientious of men; a true husband and father; an outstanding patriot and statesman.

There were many wonderful things about him. To me it was significant that he always had a smile and a friendly word of greeting for everyone that he met. It was part of the man that he wanted to do something good for every living being. Because of things like this, and there were many such traits, few men have been more popular or more respected

on both sides of the aisle, few men more genuinely appreciated by both Democrats and Republicans, than DWIGHT ROGERS.

His responsibilities were many and great. As private citizen and as public official, he lived up to all of them. He knew what a wonderful thing it is to be a citizen of this great land, and he showed his appreciation of that privilege in the fullest sense. Very importantly, he knew the secret of finding happiness in dealing with his fellow man and in carrying on his work.

DWIGHT ROGERS was the only Congressman that Florida's Sixth District has had. He was elected to the 79th Congress on November 7, 1944, as its first Congressman when the new Sixth District was created; and he was reelected, usually without opposition, to each succeeding Congress, including the 84th Congress. His record of accomplishments in this body has been both constructive and impressive, both sound and progressive. He has been the author of many important measures and of far-reaching amendments. His effectiveness in debate was widely known and highly appreciated.

DWIGHT was born near Reidsville, Tattnall County, Ga., on August 17, 1886. He was the son of William Millard and Augusta Laing Rogers. He was educated in the public schools of Reidsville and Locust Grove Institute. He was graduated from the University of Georgia in 1910 and admitted to the practice of law at Ocilla, Ga. In 1925 he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and there engaged in the practice of law, where he soon was recognized as one of Florida's ablest members of the bar. He served as representative from Broward County in the Florida State Legislature from 1930 to 1938; was speaker pro tempore of the house in 1933. His legislative achievements there were outstanding. He was a member of the Century of Progress at the World's Fair in Chicago; chairman of appeal board No. 4 of the Selective Service System for 3½ years; member of the Methodist

Church, of Phi Delta Theta, a member of Sphinx honorary society at the University of Georgia, and a member of Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Rogers, a wonderful, faithful, and loving companion throughout the many years of their married life. She, too, is known and loved by the membership of this House for her sterling qualities and her devoted loyalty to her family.

He also is survived by three sons, Dwight L., Jr., Paul G., and Doyle, each of them a fine, respected, upstanding young man in his own right, each of them respected for the splendid manner in which he is carrying on the wonderful traditions established by their illustrious father, DWIGHT ROGERS. To Florence and to their sons, I extend my deep and earnest sympathies at their great loss.

I was one of those privileged to be with the family at the time that the last services were held for DWIGHT, and on that occasion one of the ministers who conducted those services recalled to the great and sorrowing audience there a book known to most of you, entitled "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master." He said of DWIGHT at that time, "I believe that when DWIGHT ROGERS enters the Pearly Gates and someone says to him, 'Mr. ROGERS, Meet the Master,' DWIGHT will say, 'I already know the Master.' "

That is the way DWIGHT ROGERS lived. That is the kind of man he was. For his great service to his Nation, for his great Americanism, for being just DWIGHT ROGERS, we shall always treasure the memory of the man with whom we served and whom we loved.

Mr. HOFFMAN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the death of DWIGHT ROGERS was an irreparable loss to the Members of this House and to the Nation and State which he served so well.

It was my good fortune to be associated with him on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and I count

that association as one of the most valuable of the privileges which have come to me through my membership in this body. He was unfailingly kind and courteous, a man in whose company it was a pleasure to be, ready and anxious to be helpful to all with whom he came in contact.

He was the loyal servant of the district which he represented but, more important, he had a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the needs of the Nation and worked with devotion, skill, and diligence to meet those needs.

I join my colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rogers and to their three fine sons.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS was a Christian gentleman. What finer tribute could words pay to anyone. Association with him emphasized the qualities that endeared him to his friends. Always kind, thoughtful, and sincere in his attitude to others. Never an unkind word or thought. Anxious and willing to be helpful to everyone. His life was a continuous expression of good will. He had an outward tranquillity of demeanor that reflected an inward tranquillity of soul. He enjoyed a peace within that came as a result of kind thoughts toward others, and, with a sincere desire to so live and act that what he said and did would find acceptance by his Father in heaven, whom he sought to serve with simplicity and sincerity.

I wish there were more of the kind DWIGHT ROGERS was. The earth would be a better place in which to live. What a heritage he has left to his good wife and splendid sons, of whom he thought so much, and, of whom he so often spoke in terms of admiration and love. His life has indeed been an inspiration to all who knew him emphasized by a Christian life exemplified each day in his home to those who were so close and dear to him, and to his colleagues in the Halls of Congress, and to his fellow man as he met them in the varied activities of his busy life.

There will be those who on this day will speak of the fine, able, conscientious, and patriotic service rendered by DWIGHT ROGERS to the people of the Sixth Congressional District of Florida. All that they say will echo similar thoughts within myself. As chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, a great committee of this House, with a jurisdiction that gives abundant opportunity to express the humane instincts that are a part of every true legislator, I can, as chairman of that committee, testify that throughout the entire period of his membership on that committee DWIGHT ROGERS was constantly aware of his responsibility to his fellow man and sought at all times the enactment of legislation that would be uplifting and promote the welfare of our people, especially the underpriviliged.

He had a keen mind that went to the heart of every issue. He had a reservoir of knowledge based upon experiences gained through the several activities that had claimed his attention, both before and after he came to Congress. He had a practical way of applying his knowledge to the problem at hand that would leave no doubt in his mind as to what was right or wrong as a solution. His adherence to what he considered the right solution was one of his strongest qualities, a quality that was most commendable. However, he was always charitable toward those of a differing viewpoint and never showed rancor or expressed any unkind thought in pressing his own convictions.

Words fail me to give the tribute that a man of the character of DWIGHT ROGERS is entitled to have. I do hope, however, that these feeble words will convey in some measure to his family and friends the high regard I had for our departed colleague, and I further trust that my words, and those of the other colleagues that pay tribute to his memory, will ever awaken and inspire each one of us to live the friendly life he did, and, when we come to life's end, enable us to "wrap the draperies of our couch about us and lie down to pleasant dreams," as did DWIGHT ROGERS.

Mr. HESELTON. Mr. Speaker, I was profoundly shocked when I heard over the radio the news of the sudden death of our former colleague, DWIGHT ROGERS. I had no reason to think that he was in anything but the best of health and I was looking forward to seeing him upon the opening of this Congress today.

DWIGHT ROGERS was one of the first friends I made when I came to Congress 10 years ago and the memory of his friendship will live with me always.

He was an able Representative of his district, a conscientious and hard-working member of his committee, and a deeply religious person.

It is a privilege to join with his other colleagues today in paying tribute to him and in extending deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rogers and their children.

Mr. RHODES of Pennsylvania. It was with much sorrow that I learned of the death of our colleague, the Honorable DWIGHT L. ROGERS. He was kind and courteous and a most capable and devoted public servant. He was a man of great charm and ability who was loved by all his associates. I counted him as one of my dear friends. He was also highly respected by the people he represented in the Sixth District of the State of Florida. I had the opportunity to learn first hand of his popularity with his constituents as on numerous occasions I had visited Fort Lauderdale, his home city. My son and his family were constituents of his. I was in Fort Lauderdale last week and noted the profound sorrow there as the result of Mr. ROGERS' death.

I join with my colleagues in the House in expressing sympathy to his wife and family on their great loss.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our friend, DWIGHT ROGERS, leaves all of us with a feeling of great personal loss. He had been a friend to me as he had been a friend to everyone with whom he came in contact. He had no enemies.

DWIGHT ROGERS lived a clean and wholesome life, and he lived it in the fullest measure. He had a heart that was big, and it was so full of love that there was never room in it for bitterness, hatred, or rancor. Not only did DWIGHT ROGERS have an infinite and abiding faith in God, but he also had an unshakeable belief in the innate goodness of man; which accounts, perhaps, for the multitude of friends he always made wherever he went.

We join his family and friends in mourning his departure from this mortal vale, comforted in the knowledge that he enjoys a special place in heaven, reserved by God for the very best among His children.

Mr. RAINS. Mr. Speaker, here on this first day of the 84th Congress, it is with great sadness and sorrow that the friends and colleagues of DWIGHT L. ROGERS pause to pay their respect and their love to his memory.

DWIGHT ROGERS was a man of wisdom. He had the happy faculty of understanding people. He was a living example of the current expression, "how to win friends and influence people." DWIGHT was to his colleagues here in the House of Representatives, and to his legion of friends everywhere, a ray of sunshine. He was happy in heart, happy in his outlook on life. In the years I have spent in Congress I have never met a man with a greater love for his fellow man, with a keener desire to serve them.

In the debates in the House of Representatives, in the cloakrooms, in the halls and corridors of this historic Capitol, and in the hearts of friends all over the country, DWIGHT ROGERS will be sorely missed. To his family, to whom he was devoted, my deepest sympathy.

Mr. MACK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS was a friendly, kindly, and lovable man. He liked people and people liked him. In my 8 years of association with him in the Congress, I never heard DWIGHT ROGERS say an unkind

word about anyone, and I never heard anyone speak of him except in the kindest words of praise.

DWIGHT ROGERS was able, too. He was one who got things done. I, often, observed that when he proposed an amendment to legislation his amendment usually carried. That was in part due to the fact that the things DWIGHT ROGERS proposed were sound and in part due to the fact that everyone had confidence in Congressman ROGERS, his judgment, and his word. Both were good.

During the past 2 years, when I was chairman of the Subcommittee on Flood Control, Mr. ROGERS often came before my committee to urge the wisdom of the Federal Government speeding work on the central Florida project. He was persistent in a friendly sort of way. He always had his facts well in hand and his arguments were logical and effective. DWIGHT ROGERS got results for his district and his State.

Florida has lost a great Congressman, the Congress has lost a most likable and effective Member, and the Nation a fine citizen. We all shall miss him.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, I know that I cannot add to the many magnificent tributes which have been given to our beloved friend and colleague, DWIGHT L. ROGERS, but I cannot let this opportunity pass without an expression of the affection and high regard which I had for him.

The sudden passing of Congressman ROGERS was a shock to all who knew him, but it was especially keen to those of us who were privileged to know and serve with him on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. His abilities will be greatly missed in the House, and even more will the hearty laugh and the cheerful personality that was his, be missed. Although he was a veteran Member, I never thought of him as being advanced in age. He was progressive, forward looking, and vigorous in his approach to solution of problems. Yet he was ever courteous, kindly, and considerate. He loved life, and lived it to the fullest.

I shall miss him greatly, and the task here in the House will be a little heavier because of his absence. His optimism was infectious—his hearty laughter was good to hear, and his devotion and faith in God shown in his every act and undertaking.

To me his outstanding quality was his love of his fellow man. He had the capacity for friendship, and his friendships were warm and generous. He worked hard, he spoke vigorously for his district and the people, yet he had the gentility of the Christian gentleman. Florida has lost one of her strongest sons, the House one of its sweetest spirits.

Mr. DAVIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as the Members of the 84th Congress convened in this Hall today to be sworn in, I was saddened by the fact that my long-time devoted friend, Congressman DWIGHT L. ROGERS, of Florida, was not here to take the oath along with those of us elected to this Congress.

One of the most treasured recollections I have of my 8 years' service in Congress is the association I have had during all that time with DWIGHT ROGERS. He was an able and conscientious public official. He was a kindly, considerate, and helpful friend. He was noted for his gentleness and for his unruffled temperament. He always had a smile for his friends. Notwithstanding his kindly disposition and his consideration for others, he had the courage of his convictions. During a speech I heard him make one day on the floor of the House, he quoted this little poem which I have carried in my memory ever since:

Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose,
Dare to make it known.

One could not have a better or finer motto, and the spirit which it expresses is typical of the character of our beloved colleague.

He made an outstanding contribution to good government during his service here. His passing is a tragic loss to his district, his State, and our country. I shall miss him greatly. I extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rogers and his children.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow at the passing of our friend, DWIGHT L. ROGERS.

When I came here at the beginning of the 81st Congress, it was my good fortune to become acquainted with DWIGHT ROGERS early in the session. The friendship formed then continued until his death.

DWIGHT ROGERS had great capacity for friendship. His inherent friendliness bred friendship for him by all those who knew him.

DWIGHT ROGERS had a great sense of humor that gave him balance and stability in the face of the problems of the difficult period in which he served.

DWIGHT ROGERS had character, and courage, and conviction.

He thus leaves a great heritage for his family, and for his legion of friends.

And the king said unto his servants, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

Mr. ENGLE. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS' death came as a terrible jolt to me. I have never known a finer, kindlier man. Among his colleagues here he was loved and respected. He had a rare talent for friendship. With it he combined a deep and sincere sense of duty and public service. And he had the courage to speak out for his convictions, clearly and eloquently. Those qualities are about all a man needs to be a great public servant. DWIGHT ROGERS was a great Congressman and public servant. But I cannot let this occasion pass without registering my own sense of personal loss. DWIGHT ROGERS was my friend. We enjoyed a deep understanding and genuine affection for each other. And so it is as one who shares their grief that I extend my sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Herlong].

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleague the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Sikes] in expressing my deep regrets, and I am sure the regrets of all of us, on the passing of our beloved colleague, DWIGHT ROGERS. I know of no man who was more loved in the House of Representatives or who had more friends than did DWIGHT ROGERS. DWIGHT ROGERS had friends because he was a friend to every man and woman in this body. I was in Washington on the occasion of his passing and when the news spread around Capitol Hill that we had lost DWIGHT ROGERS. Everywhere I went people were speaking of him as though they had suffered a great personal loss—and they had. It was not just his colleagues who were saddened by his passing. Elevator operators, cafeteria employees, and other workers here had tears in their eyes as they spoke of their personal affection for Mr. ROGERS.

DWIGHT ROGERS had many fine characteristics. Love of God was truly exemplified by him in his love of his fellow men. He had the most cheerful disposition I have ever seen. It was a joy to be around him.

Someone once compared death with a ship sailing out to sea. We stand on the shore and watch as it passes out of sight over the horizon. We sigh and say, "There she goes." But on the other side there are those waiting to greet it, and as its sails appear on the horizon an enthusiastic shout goes up from that shore, "Here she comes." I am sure that glad cry went up with DWIGHT'S arrival on the other shore. Of course, we do not know what kind of place heaven is, but we do know that it must be a more cheerful place now that DWIGHT ROGERS is there.

My deepest sympathy goes out to those he left behind—his faithful and loving wife and three fine sons, as well as a myriad of warm, personal friends. His family, his friends,

his district, Florida, and our country suffered a great loss. We shall all miss him more than words can say.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Iowa [Mr. Dolliver].

Mr. DOLLIVER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the remarks which have been made by the distinguished gentlemen from Florida [Mr. Sikes and Mr. Herlong]. I should like to add just a bit of my own personal relationship with DWIGHT ROGERS.

He was one of the finest men I have ever known. I always felt that DWIGHT and I had a great deal in common. For example, we both represented the Sixth District of our respective States. The State of Florida and the State of Iowa came in as counterparts back there in the 1840's when a northern and a southern State usually came in together.

We were members of the same committee in the House of Representatives, a fine and a great committee, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Although we were adherents of different parties, more often than not we found ourselves in complete agreement with respect to legislative proposals that came before that committee.

I had a deep affection for him. I have an abiding affection for his memory. He was a man of loyalities. There was an American philosopher who told us that the greatest human virtue is loyalty. Certainly DWIGHT ROGERS was loyal in all his relationships. He was loyal to his friends. He was loyal to his church. He was loyal to his party. He was loyal to his country and to his family. And his loyalties were of the finest grade and of the highest order.

In addition, as Mr. Herlong has pointed out, he was a friendly person. No one could know DWIGHT ROGERS and not feel that he was a friend. He was always that way. I never knew of his failing to give a friendly greeting to all and sundry, high and low, distinguished and undistinguished.

Then, too, he was kind. I suppose one of the humbler virtues is that of being kind, just kind to people, not sharp, not harsh, not angry, not showing the sharp points of disagreement, but just being kind. Certainly DWIGHT ROGERS in all his human relationships showed that humble virtue of kindness.

I certainly can agree with the distinguished clergyman who said that DWIGHT would find friends on the farther shore. The denizens of that unknown country will welcome him with open arms.

I loved DWIGHT ROGERS.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest].

Mr. PRIEST. Mr. Speaker, I would not want this moment to pass without saying a few words about DWIGHT ROGERS. It was several days after his passing away before I learned of his death, and the news of that death came to me as a shock and brought me great grief and sorrow.

I think the gentlemen who have preceded me, including the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Sikes], have discussed already all of those great qualities that made DWIGHT ROGERS so universally close to all of us and to those who knew him everywhere. He was one of the most genial men I ever knew. As a matter of fact, the very genuineness of his genial disposition many times invited his colleagues to joke with him and sometimes to play jokes on him. DWIGHT enjoyed this as much as anybody else; he was so kind and genial and friendly.

For a good many years he and the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Harris] and I sat very close together near the top of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. I look back on those moments now and the memories of those associations as something that I shall cherish all the days of my life.

As the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Dolliver] has said DWIGHT ROGERS had a very high sense of moral and spiritual values. He was devoted to his church and to all causes at any time that emphasized the finer and higher spiritual and moral values of life. His devotion to the public service was constant and deep.

I shall personally miss him as one who has been very close to me and with whom I have felt very close in the years gone by.

My deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and other members of a closely knit and devoted family circle.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Arends].

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, with a very heavy heart I pay tribute to our former colleague, DWIGHT ROGERS. He was more than a colleague. He was my friend, one whom I respected and loved, one for whom I had the greatest admiration.

DWIGHT ROGERS lived the kind of life that few people live. He has shown us what is meant by righteous living and has set an example that all of us might well emulate.

Never have I heard such wonderful tributes paid to an individual as on the occasion of his funeral. In flowers and in words, countless numbers expressed their love for a kindly, godly man. The outpouring of the citizens of that district in expression of affection and respect for DWIGHT ROGERS was absolutely amazing.

I have played golf with DWIGHT ROGERS on many occasions. I think you really get to know a man when you play golf with him. You see him, and how he reacts, under pressure of competition. You see him in victory and you see him in defeat. As you walk the golf course, competing in skill, nerves, and stamina, you get to understand an individual, to see him at his best and his worst, and to appreciate him for what he really is. DWIGHT ROGERS was at all times and under

all circumstances the very best. He was the most sincere, honest, and fair man it has been my privilege to know. As I look back on my service in this body, one of the things which will inspire me and will always be a privilege to say is that I knew DWIGHT ROGERS. He was my truly, loyal friend. His wonderful wife and family have my heartfelt sympathy. To them I extend my deepest personal sympathy.

I repeat, DWIGHT ROGERS was the kind of man and lived the kind of life from which all of us drew inspiration. If I were to try to express DWIGHT'S philosophy of life, I believe I would say this: Keep your heart free from hate; your mind from worry. Live simply; expect little, give much; fill your life with love; scatter sunshine. Forget self. Think of others, and do as you would be done by.

That was his way of life. I loved DWIGHT ROGERS. I always will. I know I speak for all on my side of the aisle when I say we shall miss him. We shall miss him always.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Hinshaw].

Mr. HINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS was a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He was, I believe, the most universally loved man on that committee. I say that because he was always glad and happy to meet his colleagues when the committee went into session and his voice was always a cheerful voice, a voice that we always liked to hear. Never did he promote discord, although he was a strong and able advocate of what he believed to be right. I had the privilege of visiting DWIGHT ROGERS in his home city of Fort Lauderdale, where I found that he was as well loved at home and, yes, even more so than he was here. Everyone loved him—everyone in the entire congressional district which he represented without exception had a good word to say for DWIGHT ROGERS because he was good and kind. He was admired by the little man whose advocate he was, as well as the gentlemen who sat in the high seats of his con-

gressional district. We shall miss him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and we shall miss his presence on the floor of this House. His membership in this body increased the worth of the House of Representatives. His loss is the loss of this House and the loss of the country. Our hearts go out to his beloved wife and family in this hour of their bereavement.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Durham].

Mr. DURHAM. Mr. Speaker, I feel a very deep personal loss in the passing of DWIGHT. DWIGHT ROGERS was endowed with so many of the blessings that make a great American that it is difficult for me to assess which one of those, in my opinion, made him one of the most lovable characters I have ever had the privilege of associating with. I think, however, the DWIGHT ROGERS' sense of humor gave to him one of the greatest blessings that a human being can be endowed with. I had the privilege of not only associating with DWIGHT here in this House, but I knew him before he came to this body. I had the privilege, as the gentleman from Illinois has mentioned, of associating myself with him in one of the greatest sports in America. It is my opinion that if there is one place that you can get to know an individual, it is in the field of sports. I am saddened when I think of the foursome that I played golf with here on what is commonly known as the cow pasture at the Old Soldiers' Home because today I and the gentleman from Mississippi, Bill Colmer, are here in this body who for years played in that foursome. DWIGHT ROGERS had a sense of duty to his church. He was a Christian gentleman. He was a man who believed in God. He was a man who also believed in his duty to America. I extend to his family my deepest sympathy. May God bless them.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Lanham].

Mr. LANHAM. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS and I were longtime friends. We attended the University of Georgia together.

DWIGHT was in the graduate school—the school of law—while I was an undergraduate. He was a few years older than I. I used to kid him in the House and tell other Members that he had been my instructor at the time we were at the University of Georgia together. As a matter of fact we were students—I do not know whether I should say students or not, but at least we were attendants upon the university at the same time.

In the House Office Building his office adjoined mine. I already miss him. Only this morning, which is the first time this year I have come to my office, I missed his welcome and his genial smile.

I had the privilege of attending his funeral at Fort Lauderdale, and I am happy that I went, because that was an unusual occasion in some respects. Somehow it took away a little the sting of his going, to see how his people thought of him, the huge outpouring of people at that funeral, and flowers, the like of which I have never seen. DWIGHT was buried in a beautiful memorial park, the first grave in that park. The grass was green and the flowers were laid out on that green carpet, to look like a flower garden. Grief there was, of course, but a feeling of sadness that was not akin to pain; for somehow everybody seemed to feel that a good man had gone to his last reward and had gone in a manner that he would have desired. He had played golf that morning. He voted in a local election that day. He had just spoken to the junior chamber of commerce when he became ill and was taken to the hospital. He was gone within an hour. No long days and weeks of suffering. How appropriate were the words of Tennyson's Crossing of the Bar read by the minister at the graveside. "And may there be no moaning of the bar when I put out to sea." I am happy that I could

be there and see the respect in which he was held by the people of his own city, and to feel the reverence and respect that those people had for him. As I say, I am already missing him, and I am going to miss him through the years. Two of my nearest and dearest friends have gone within the past year, Sidney Camp and DWIGHT ROGERS. I am going to miss both of them, as other Members of this House will. Somehow DWIGHT'S life and his kindness remind me of the words of the poet, "that best part of a good man's life—those little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." They represented DWIGHT ROGERS. They were a part of his life; if not the best part, a large part.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, it is a most sad occasion upon the opening of a new Congress that we should be paying tribute to a very beloved friend who has passed to the Great Beyond.

As one of those associated with DWIGHT ROGERS during all of his service in Congress upon the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I do not know of any persons I have met who left more of an impression upon me than did DWIGHT ROGERS. In the first place, he was a gentleman at all times. He conducted himself in committee toward the end that he was fully informed on legislation, but in doing so he always treated everyone with courtesy and respect.

As has been said so often, DWIGHT was one of the most lovable people I have known. On some of our committee trips we used to facetiously accuse DWIGHT of campaigning when he was many hundreds of miles away, but actually he instinctively liked people and they instinctively liked him. It was the easiest thing in the world for DWIGHT to meet and make friends when he was thousands of miles away from his home.

I think DWIGHT was one of the most devout Christians that I have ever known. I cannot help but think of the depth and sincercity of his Christian belief. He practiced what he believed, with sincerity and without ostentation.

As I stand before you here I think probably what DWIGHT would like to say was expressed most beautifully in the Bible in that one line:

I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

DWIGHT was one who loved the Lord, and he loved the beauty of his faith. I think as a result of that he was a great example to his colleagues in the House.

Another beautiful thing about Mr. ROGERS was the lovely family life, the depth of devotion between himself and his family. Certainly my most deep and heartfelt sympathy goes to his lovely wife, Mrs. Rogers, and to his three fine sons, because he was to them a wonderful husband and father, and they were as devoted to him as he was to them.

To his congressional district, to the State of Florida, and to the country as a whole his passing is a distinct loss of a fine American, a splendid Christian, and a most valued public servant.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Harris].

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply grieved and had a heavy heart when I learned on the afternoon of December 1 of the passing of our beloved colleague, DWIGHT ROGERS.

I have known DWIGHT since he came to Congress in 1945. We sat side by side for many years on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. This close association permitted me the privilege of knowing DWIGHT as he really was.

I am very glad to have known DWIGHT ROGERS; in fact, I have personally been lifted up and inspired by the character and life of DWIGHT ROGERS, and through this association.

He was a man who was devoted to public service. We all have observed his activities and actions here on the floor of the House and particularly those of us who have served with him in so many of the controversial matters before our committee.

He was devoted to the people he served, always had their welfare in mind.

He was devoted to his country, the country that he loved and admired; and like so many other Americans he would have given his life gladly for it.

He was devoted to his church. I think we could say that if any Member of this Congress lived a beautiful life certainly it was DWIGHT ROGERS. That did not begin when he came to Congress. One could not associate with him without realizing that throughout his life he had had that great devotion to the church that he loved and to his God. A number of us have been with him on various occasions, especially at times on the radio programs with Dale Crowley, and we know from these experiences and associations that DWIGHT ROGERS not only loved his Lord but he loved the Bible and was a student of the Bible.

Then, above all, he was devoted to his fine family. Everyone knows that his home life was a beautiful example of the traditional family life of America.

We have lost one of our most beloved colleagues. Florida and the Nation have lost one of their most capable servants.

I wish to join my colleagues in extending my deepest sympathy to the delegation from the State of Florida and to the people that DWIGHT ROGERS represented; and certainly to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his lovely wife and three fine sons.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Schenck].

Mr. SCHENCK. Mr. Speaker, it was a great privilege to know and serve with our late colleague, DWIGHT ROGERS, and a deeply appreciated honor to have him as a friend.

DWIGHT LAING ROGERS

It was my good fortune to serve with DWIGHT ROGERS on the great House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He was sincerely and deeply interested in every legislative proposal considered by our committee. His ability to quickly analyze the effect of such legislative proposals and his keen questions proposed to witnesses in the hearings conducted by our committee were extremely helpful to those of us with less experience in the work of this important committee. While DWIGHT ROGERS' questions directed to the witnesses and to other members of the committee were very much to the points at issue under discussion, he was also always very considerate of others and never sought to embarrass them in any way. DWIGHT ROGERS was especially helpful to me as a new member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in the 83d Congress. Although we were members of different political parties, he did not hesitate to participate on several of my weekly radio programs which were broadcast in the Third District of Ohio. These programs assisted me in explaining the work of our committee and the various legislative proposals we were considering. DWIGHT ROGERS was always conscious of his obligations and loyalty to the great political party of which he was a Member, but he was also always extremely conscious of his loyalty and obligations to our great Nation and its citizens. Hence, he never hesitated to speak his mind and cast his vote in what he believed to be his obligation in the matter of public interest and public trust. DWIGHT ROGERS was a statesman and we have lost an able legislator as well as a good friend.

I was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of his untimely and unexpected passing and I am grateful for the privilege and honor of having known him as a good friend. I am also grateful to our former Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., for appointing me as a member of the official delegation of this House of Representatives so that I might pay my personal respects to the memory of our late

colleague by attending the funeral services. It was a very sad occasion and yet a most impressive one. As an example, I am told that more than 1,200 people were crowded into the Methodist Church in Fort Lauderdale and many more had to remain outside because they were unable to get into the church. They came from all walks of life, and one could tell by looking into their faces how very deeply they felt, because of the loss of their friend. I have also never seen more beautiful floral tributes and I have never heard more sincere tributes spoken than were said by the clergyman who knew our late colleague so intimately.

DWIGHT ROGERS was a humble, sincere, dedicated, Christian gentleman; a devoted husband, an understanding father of a wonderful family; a real Representative of all the people in his congressional district, a great American, a true friend, and a loyal and devoted follower of his Heavenly Father. To his wonderful wife and family, to all of his constituents, to all of his friends, I want to express my most profound and deep sympathy.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston].

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, I was in Montevideo, Uruguay, when our colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Scott], informed me of the passing of my beloved friend, DWIGHT ROGERS. Being 6,000 miles away, unable to reach his family, unable to attend the funeral, I somehow felt the shock to a greater degree than I would have had I been able to go to the family and present my feelings to them.

Mr. Speaker, I did feel a keen shock in the passing of DWIGHT ROGERS. I had a reason to. DWIGHT was born in my district. The majority of his family live there yet. He came from good stock; honest, God-fearing people. When I came to Washington, DWIGHT took an interest in me because, representing his old home county, we became very fast friends. I think DWIGHT's greatest attribute was his capac-

ity to love people. One cannot be loved unless he has himself the capacity to love others. DWIGHT had a heart big enough to permit him to love many people, and he did not fail to let people know that he loved them. I suppose he was about as popular an individual as we had in the House of Representatives. He perhaps had more warm friends than anybody in the House. He had many friends on the Republican side. He associated just as much with the Republicans as he did with the people in his own party. So, he was loved by many people.

Mr. Speaker, little can be said to add anything to what has already been said about him. I think this eulogy here today has perhaps been as warm as any I have ever heard since I came to Congress 9 years ago. But he deserves everything that has been said. I know that the House will be glad to know that his son, Paul, who is very much like his father, is likely to succeed him. That district historically has been a Democratic district. He has no opposition from the Democratic Party, and on next Tuesday it is most likely that he will be elected to succeed his father, and we will come to love him, I am sure, as we all did DWIGHT ROGERS. We hope he will be up here by next Wednesday to assume his office.

I certainly want to express my deepest sympathy to all of DWIGHT'S family and those in my district as well as his immediate family in Florida. I talked to his son, Paul, when I came through returning from Montevideo. He is a resident of the city of West Palm Beach and is one of the outstanding young men in that community.

So, in conclusion I would like to express the hope that the House can be blessed with more men like DWIGHT ROGERS, because he shed a lot of sunshine among his colleagues here in this body. He converted some dark hours into happiness for us by his good humor and his wit.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Mahon].

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I think that those of us who have the privilege of speaking upon this occasion can feel honored that our first words at this session of the Congress can be said in memory of such a wonderful character as DWIGHT ROGERS. Some men appear well at certain times and under certain circumstances and conditions. DWIGHT ROGERS, under all circumstances and conditions, measured up to the very highest standards. DWIGHT ROGERS was a Christian gentleman of the highest order and in every sense of the word, every day of the week, and under all circumstances at work or at play. His example has been a tremendous force for good in the Congress and in the country.

I have been much pleased, as the friend of DWIGHT ROGERS, with the very fine tributes which have been paid to him this afternoon, and I want to join with others in expressing my sympathy to his family. We honor ourselves in honoring the memory of a great leader and legislator who has fallen.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. Younger].

Mr. YOUNGER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with all the fine tributes which our colleagues have paid to the memory of the Honorable DWIGHT ROGERS, of Florida. I cannot improve on those statements either in their content or sincerity. I can only add a word of my own personal loss in his passing. It was my privilege to know him for only 2 years, but as a new Member of Congress I found no one who was a more willing adviser, or a more considerate and understanding colleague. He left us a great heritage here in this House, and we are all the better for his having lived and worked among us.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Klein].

Mr. KLEIN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to voice my deep sorrow and regret at the passing of our colleague,

DWIGHT ROGERS. In the many years I have been a Member of this House, we have had, unfortunately, many expressions of regret voiced by Members on the passing of a colleague, but I find it difficult to recall having ever before listened to such sincere and spontaneous tributes paid to anyone as have been paid DWIGHT ROGERS here today. I think they were well earned.

I have had the privilege of serving on the same committee with DWIGHT ROGERS and, as a matter of fact, of sitting alongside him. I shall occupy the seat that he occupied and would have occupied had he been able to serve with us again in this Congress. Thus he shall be in my mind much of the time.

I shall miss him indeed. I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that when we go, as we all must, if we can go the way DWIGHT went, and leave behind us such a heritage as he did, not only here in Washington, not only in the Congress, but in our home districts, it will indeed be the greatest tribute which can be paid a man.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield at this time to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Moulder].

Mr. MOULDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep sorrow on the death of our great friend, DWIGHT ROGERS, of Florida. All of us will miss DWIGHT ROGERS. He was one of the finest and most honorable men I have ever known or been associated with. He was blessed with a congenial personality. His noble character and friendliness will always remain in my temple of memory as one of my most valued possessions.

He strived and worked hard in his able and outstanding representation of the interests of the people of his congressional district and for the best interests of the people of Florida and America. The great work performed by him in the Halls of Congress, together with his spirit of cheerful friendliness and his charming personality, and solid char-

acter, will always remain as a monument to his memory far more permanent than marble.

I will miss my great friend and statesman, DWIGHT ROGERS. We all deeply regret his passing.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Derounian].

Mr. DEROUNIAN. Mr. Speaker, I can add but little to that which has already been said so beautifully about DWIGHT ROGERS. He preached and practiced the Golden Rule. We shall all miss him.

I extend to his family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Shuford].

Mr. SHUFORD. Mr. Speaker, the death of Hon. DWIGHT L. ROGERS, Representative from the Sixth District of Florida, on December 1, 1954, brought sadness to all who knew him.

His life was an inspiration to those of us who were privileged to serve with him in the Halls of Congress.

In his nearly 10 years of service here men may have differed with him, but no one has ever questioned his superb integrity in all things, both great and small. His lofty ideals and love for the fundamental institutions of the American Government stimulated in others the desire to emulate his public service.

Few men have been blessed with the power to make friends and hold them throughout a lifetime as was the late DWIGHT L. ROGERS. Such power is not possible in one who lacks that sincerity and ability that characterized his whole life. He was a devout Christian, richly endowed with those beautiful qualities of gentleness, kindness, and generosity.

It was not my privilege to know DWIGHT ROGERS until after I was elected a Member of the 83d Congress. When I came to Washington he extended to me every possible kindness and courtesy, and from then until his death I saw him fre-

quently and every contact with him increased my affectionate regard for him both personally and officially.

DWIGHT ROGERS served his State and Nation well. His works will long be remembered. I extend to his widow and stalwart sons my deepest sympathy.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Thornberry].

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS was a good man. He was a man who never said a word or performed an act that would injure his fellow man.

As has been indicated by many of our colleagues who have spoken today in tribute to the memory of DWIGHT ROGERS, I had the privilege of serving with him on the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. I am glad I had the privilege of knowing and serving with him.

His friends have suffered a loss. One can understand the grief that comes to the members of his family, but the members of his family as they pass through grievous days can take comfort in the knowledge of the fact that as a husband, as a father, DWIGHT ROGERS was a man who lived his life well and set a wonderful example for us all. To them goes my deepest feeling of sympathy.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Pelly].

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, when I learned that the great privilege of close association with our friend, DWIGHT L. ROGERS, had come to an abrupt end, a question came to my mind as to whether or not he had realized how we, his colleagues, felt toward him. For surely the warmth of his personality, his kindliness, his keen humor, his strong sense of right and wrong, and his love of his fellow man, as well as his recognized legislative ability, had given him a place, truly a unique place, in the hearts and minds of those of us who had the good fortune to claim him both as colleague and friend.

I recall, as will other members of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, one morning toward the end of the last session, when the statement was made as the committee was being called to order, that the period for filing for Representative in Congress from the Sixth District of Florida had closed the previous day and that DWIGHT ROGERS would have no opposition. He was referred to as the first Member of the 84th Congress; and truly such was our regard and affection for him the news made us feel warm and good. I am sure the other members of the committee, like myself, on that occasion thought of their own situations and hoped to come back and particularly because it meant further contact and fellowship with him. Contemplation of our own return to Congress without the day-in and day-out pleasure of DWIGHT ROGERS' greeting and good thoughts and kind words would have made the prospect of our own reelection less desirable.

It is human to react to the loss of our friend in a selfish or personal way, and our sympathy for his family exceeds the power of mere words, but more properly today emphasis should be given to the heritage of DWIGHT ROGERS' life, his ability, his high ideals, and his contribution to mankind. I will sum up this very simply: He was a great and good American and his greatness and goodness live on.

Like the good farmer who works the soil, DWIGHT ROGERS put back more than he took out of life, and yet I venture to say that few get more than he did from life and living. I shall cherish the memory of DWIGHT ROGERS until I too am put to rest. Meanwhile I shall remain richer in true values for an all-to-brief association with one of the finest and most endearing men I have ever met.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Bennett].

Mr. BENNETT of Florida. Mr. Speaker, our Nation lost an able statesman when death took Congressman DWIGHT

ROGERS from us. He was a warm-hearted man and this showed itself not only in his personal relationships but also in the character of his statesmanship. He was always quick to sense a place where the Government should extend a helping hand to the weak, the aged, or the needy. He was not prone to find excuses for not giving assistance to worthy objectives, but on the contrary he was ahead of most of his fellow men in taking the leadership to help those who really needed assistance.

In his years of service in the State Legislature of Florida, his monument of legislative service is the homestead amendment, freeing Florida homes from real-estate taxes. Here in Congress there are many monuments to him. Perhaps Floridians will chiefly remember his successful work to establish the south and central Florida flood-control project. Certainly, that will always be a great monument to him. Throughout the Nation, his terminal-leave law, to give enlisted men benefits similar to those enjoyed by officers will always be remembered as symbolic of his successful efforts for those of limited advantages. In the last session of Congress his successful work toward eliminating the stringency of the "work clause" in the social-security law is again typical of his efforts to help those most deserving help.

As I close, I humbly pay tribute to him as a treasured friend of mine and as a wonderful husband and father and as a good Christian man. My deepest sympathy goes out to his lovely mate and their three fine sons who survive him.

I understand that he knelt in earnest prayer at least once each day, seeking guidance in his work and in his personal life. I know he now stands face to face with God.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend and colleague the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Carrigg].

Mr. CARRIGG. Mr. Speaker, in expressing my sympathy to the widow of DWIGHT ROGERS on the passing of her husband and in expressing my sympathy to the delegation from

the great State of Florida, I can only say that DWIGHT ROGERS and I were geographically and politically as far apart probably as the poles, he being a Democrat and I being a Republican, and he being from the great State of Florida and I being from the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. But during the last year, I had the privilege of living with him very closely for a week or 10 days on one of the committee trips throughout the West, and I came to know DWIGHT ROGERS as one of my fondest friends. I know there is a saying that it is holy and wholesome to pray for the dead. My prayer today is that Almighty God in his charity and mercy will grant to the soul of DWIGHT ROGERS eternal peace and also grant strength to Mrs. Rogers that she may carry the heavy cross which has been bestowed upon her.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Matthews].

Mr. MATTHEWS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with these wonderful tributes being paid to DWIGHT ROGERS from Florida. I first knew DWIGHT when he and I were members of the Florida State Legislature back in 1935. I recall, as the distinguished dean of our delegation has said, and our colleague from Florida [Mr. Bennett] has said, the fight that he made there for the homestead exemption amendment, which we have in the State of Florida. I remember him in that session of the legislature as an unsuccessful candidate for the speakership of the house, and yet a man who despite that defeat was very effective and very active and as was typical of his character, he never bore any resentment because of that particular defeat which he had in that session. I knew DWIGHT ROGERS when I came to the Congress of the United States, and I do not think it improper, Mr. Speaker, for us to emphasize his wonderful sense of humor, which has already been mentioned here this afternoon, the sense of humor which made life worth while to be around him.

As a Member of Congress, DWIGHT ROGERS was a man who thought of the common man; he was always gracious and friendly. I remember one of his arguments last year about a bill. The main thought of his talk was "This bill harms no one and yet it is helpful to a colleague. Let us do it just to help our fellow man."

DWIGHT was a public servant of high integrity. Then, as has been said, he was a great father and husband. I knew him as he exemplified that beautiful relationship. I know personally his three fine boys who attended the University of Florida. How proud DWIGHT was of them, and how rightly so. They are all great men. They are all real chips off the ROGERS' block of high integrity and real Christian character. Then I knew DWIGHT ROGERS as a servant of God. I remember an old professor I had many years ago who used to tell us this little rhyme:

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would keep his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely,
To trust in God and heaven securely.

If those be the characteristics of a godly man, and I believe they are, DWIGHT ROGERS had those characteristics. Whenever the time comes for me to go to the great beyond, I go with a clearer sense of destination because I feel that somewhere in God's infinite spaces DWIGHT ROGERS is there waiting. I offer to his lovely, gracious widow, Florence, and to his sons, Dwight, Jr., Paul, and Doyle, my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. Scudder].

Mr. SCUDDER. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock to me to learn of the passing of my good friend and colleague, DWIGHT L. ROGERS. The State of Florida has lost a most

worthy Representative; the Congress has suffered the loss of an outstanding legislator and its Members a friendly counselor.

My first committee assignment upon coming to Washington was on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, where I had the good fortune to serve with DWIGHT ROGERS. I found him to be friendly and cooperative. We held many philosophies of government in common. In the 83d Congress, we each took different committee assignments, but it was my pleasure to work with him in his great desire to benefit his district and the State of Florida in combating the flood conditions of his adopted State. He was a great advocate of those things which he felt necessary in the development of his State, never propounding a cause which was unreasonable, but always looking to the welfare of his constituency and his country as a whole.

California and Florida are referred to as competitors in recreation and agricultural production, but I have always said that we are not competitors, but cooperators.

On many occasions I was with my late colleague and we had many pleasantries. His refreshing personality was a great asset to him and was so recognized by his colleagues.

I feel honored in being privileged to express my personal feeling regarding this fine gentleman and to extend to his family my heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Smith].

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of visiting with our friend, DWIGHT ROGERS, in his district just a few days before his untimely passing. It was my great pleasure and privilege at that time to see how his friends and neighbors appreciated him—just as we in the Congress have come to love him—because he was interested in each of them just as he was interested in each of us. He was a fine person. We shall not see his like again for a long time.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Washington [Mr. Horan].

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to say to my colleagues that I have enjoyed listening to the sincere outpouring of feeling here on the part of our colleagues in beloved memory of DWIGHT ROGERS. We cannot, of course, be glad that he has gone; but we can be happy that he was here, because DWIGHT ROGERS belonged in great company. We have lost a colleague from this body who lived life as we feel it should be lived and the composite of which makes the House of Representatives what we want it to be.

Reference has been made several times this afternoon to DWIGHT'S love of golf. That is where I got to know him best; our lockers were near each other where we played golf. He never lacked for golfing partners. Everyone enjoyed a healthful and pleasant round with him. He was honest; he was cheerful; he never blamed a bad shot on his colleague, or on the caddy; he never complained about the course; and, above all, he counted all his strokes. I think in play as in work we enjoy and appreciate honesty and effort. DWIGHT did that cheerfully and fully. Certainly I think his honest playing at times, as well as his honest work, extended his life. We are proud of him.

I got to know him—and I close with this little anecdote—DWIGHT ROGERS would bring his son Doyle out to play at this club when Doyle was here on leave from Fort Eustis as a commissioned officer. My enlisted son also served at Fort Eustis. I told him I had met Doyle Rogers out at the club and asked him if he knew Doyle. He said: "I certainly do. Among the enlisted men at Fort Eustis Doyle Rogers is one of the most popular and most respected."

I mention that because we serve here in this body only briefly. It is the fruits of our life and our acts that count. It is what we leave behind that determines our eternities for in the eyes of eternity we live but a few short breaths.

The most we can do to honor our Creator and our God is to try to make a better place to live in; DWIGHT ROGERS did that.

His friends in the State of Florida, his family, his colleagues in this body here in the House of Representatives are proud of his record and we grieve at his leaving.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Fascell].

Mr. FASCELL. Mr. Speaker, as a freshman Member of this body I cannot help but be impressed this afternoon. I have never witnessed nor heard in my lifetime tributes spoken of any man by his friends with such deep feeling and sincerity.

It was not my privilege to have served with my deceased colleague, DWIGHT ROGERS, while he was a Member of Congress; but I am fortunate indeed that in the short space of this past year the path of my life crossed the path of the life of Hon. DWIGHT ROGERS. I know that he was a statesman of ability, and that he was conscientious; but also I found in my short acquaintance with him that he was a warm human being; a man who smiled; a man who took time to encourage the lowly; a man who forged, I believe—and I know and I feel today—a great chain of friendship link by link of solid gold, smile by smile, extending from here to eternity.

The Congress knows—Florida knows—that we have lost an able statesman; and his colleagues and I know that we have lost a friend.

I extend my sympathies to his wife and to his family.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, like the gentleman from Georgia who has spoken, I was many thousands of miles away when the news came to me of the death of DWIGHT ROGERS. I had had no idea of his illness and for that reason the news of his passing came to me with all the greater shock.

It happens that on the 13th of September when we held our Maine elections DWIGHT ROGERS was in my home town. The kind words which he spoke to me that day, which would have meant much in any event, mean all the more to me now because they were the last words I ever heard him speak.

I served for many years with DWIGHT ROGERS on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of which he was certainly one of the most valuable, respected, and honored members.

Other Members have testified very eloquently to his character. I can only say that he was one of the most affectionate, lovable, and loveworthy people I have ever known. He was a man who was extraordinarily conscientious in the performance of his public and his private duties. I have accompanied him in his district, I have been his guest in his home town, Fort Lauderdale, and, therefore, I know something about the relations which he had with his constituents.

I want to express my sympathy to his family and to the constituency which he so ably represented, as I do for the House of Representatives which is far the poorer by reason of his loss.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Jonas].

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, I shall not detain the House long but feel that I cannot permit this occasion to pass without rising in my place and expressing to the membership of the House and to the family of our departed friend my personal sense of loss in the passing of this great and good man. I did not have the opportunity of serving on a committee with DWIGHT ROGERS. I knew him only as a Member of the House and in a social way. But he was among the first of the Members senior to me to extend the right hand of fellowship when I came to this body in 1953. I am proud of the friendship he gave me and of the opportunity to know him during these last 2 years.

I cannot add anything to the beautiful tributes that have been paid to the memory of DWIGHT ROGERS today. The thing that has impressed me more about them than anything else is that they all seem spontaneous and sincere. I would like to associate myself with the remarks of my colleagues here this afternoon and to extend to Mrs. Rogers and to the three fine sons of this happy union my deep sympathy in their great loss of husband and father.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Haley].

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, each of us assembled here today realize that one chair is empty. A chair that was filled so capably by our departed colleague and friend, DWIGHT ROGERS. DWIGHT ROGERS served the people of Florida for many years, both in public office and as a private citizen. His service is marked by those principles which he held so dearly. Among those principles that he adhered to so steadfastly were a sense of Christian moral duty, commonsense in thinking, and integrity.

Many years ago I had the opportunity of meeting DWIGHT ROGERS. Our friendship grew throughout the years, and was culminated in a close companionship during the last 2 years of his life on this earth. The memory of this noble soul shall remain with me for the remainder of my time. My friendship with DWIGHT ROGERS emanated from a warm heart, an able and keen mind, and a charitable soul. DWIGHT ROGERS rendered able and distinguished service to our fair State of Florida and the Nation. As a member of the Florida Legislature from Broward County for 8 years, he fathered one of the finest pieces of legislation in our State: one, which has helped the State of Florida to grow and prosper. In talking of the homestead exemption law in Florida one automatically thinks of our departed colleague.

DWIGHT ROGERS served as chairman of the appeals board of the Selective Service System for several years. He was

known to be very diligent and fair in all of his dealings in this position.

While serving in the Congress with DWIGHT ROGERS, I became very close to him. When one has a problem peculiar to another's district, there is a natural tendency to work together for the common good of both districts. We had such a common problem and I credit him with working so hard and ably to help solve this problem. In the creation of the central and southern Florida flood control district one of the greatest services of his career was rendered.

DWIGHT ROGERS accomplished many great and noble things during his sojourn in life, but to me the greatest single accomplishment of his mortal life came early to him: He learned at an early age that life is more pleasant and worthwhile if led in the paths of Christianity. His noble and dependable character was anchored from early life in the knowledge, fear, and love of God.

By having known DWIGHT ROGERS for a long period of time, I can say that my life has been enriched. I offer my sincere and heartfelt sympathies to his widow and family. Let us be comforted in this interlude of life until we can meet again in that eternal land of Thine.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Beamer].

Mr. BEAMER. Mr. Speaker, DWIGHT ROGERS, a colleague and friend of all of us, now has joined that innumerable caravan that leads to a mysterious realm which all of us will enter some day. I had the privilege of becoming acquainted with DWIGHT ROGERS as one of the first men I met when coming to the 82d Congress. I did not know his politics at the time and still do not know it. I believe DWIGHT ROGERS served his country beyond the realm of petty politics because he was interested in those things good for the people of his State, the Members of the Congress, and the people of the United States.

So, I am joining with all of those who have expressed themselves today and who will continue to express themselves in reverent memory of a man who rendered service and did it out of the bigness of his heart and the graciousness of his living. I had the privilege of serving on the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce with DWIGHT ROGERS. We found him to be a most valuable member. We found him to be faithful and loyal and sincere in all his attendance.

Our committee, as you may know, is called upon to travel very extensively. DWIGHT ROGERS was one of the best travelers of them all. I can remember so well on several trips when he added not only to the gaiety and the pleasure of the journey but also to the worthwhileness of it. On our recent trip he was supposed to join our committee at Johannesburg, South Africa, but when we arrived at that city we received a cablegram informing us of his demise. You can appreciate the shock that came to all of us, and, for some reason, the remainder of the journey did not seem the same because we knew that one of our own had gone. I now join with the others who have expressed themselves so beautifully, eloquently, and sincerely today to his family, to his State, to this Congress, and to our country about a man who has lived a life that all of us would like to have lived.

As the poet to whom I referred in the opening sentence of my statement has indicated, he has wrapped the draperies of his couch about him; he has approached the end of his path in the manner of one who lies down to pleasant dreams.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Frances P. Bolton].

Mrs. FRANCES P. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a very real privilege to join with the other Members of this House to express something of what we all feel now that the veil has been drawn between us and a man whom we all loved.

I did not serve on any committee with DWIGHT ROGERS. We worked together on some matters which concerned Lake

Worth, the inlets there, and Fort Lauderdale. I was his constituent in Florida. For many years my family have had land there and homes. I was taking my holiday there when I picked up the paper and learned that he had suddenly gone.

There was little one could do except express to his family what one hoped they knew was very sincere sympathy.

There was something so very real in DWIGHT ROGERS; in the matter of his understanding of what life, with a big L was all about. One day we sat in the back of this Chamber and talked a little of these less transitory things. One of our mutual friends had gone. I asked him if he had ever come across a translation of one of the great religious books, which says:

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never;
Never was time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams!
Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit forever;
Death hath not touched it all, death though the house of it seems.

He believed that, too, that the spirit is something that is part of the eternal stream of life. And today, as we have stood here and tried to express what is in our hearts, I want to say very simply that DWIGHT ROGERS has taken a more vital place in that stream of life than we are yet able to do. I am sure we will go through this session more tolerant of each other; more understanding of the fact that our aim is a mutual one because he has been among us. I am sure we will serve more truly this country that he loved and served, that we, too, love and serve, because of his influence.

I join with all the rest who have spoken and those who would have spoken had they been able to stay for the entire session today, in extending an understanding sympathy to his family. Three finer sons never lived. A sweeter and a lovelier wife no man ever had. May they be comforted by the certainty that he is close, perhaps even closer than he has ever been. And may we, too, have that sense of his presence, God keeping us all.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Carlyle].

Mr. CARLYLE. Mr. Speaker, my conscience would reprove me should I fail at this time to express my thanks for the great privilege which has been mine of knowing and working with our departed colleague, Hon. DWIGHT ROGERS. He was a good man. I learned to know him. We lived in the same hotel for a while. Our offices were not far removed from each other. He believed in God and followed His teachings.

I really enjoyed my service with him on the committee. I found him to be one possessed of character and characteristics that you seldom find so thoroughly embedded in a person. He was at all times cheerful, faithful, and loyal. I have never seen a situation present itself when he was not at all times considerate of those who disagreed with him. I think it can truly be said that DWIGHT spread an abundance of Florida sunshine everywhere he went.

I learned a good many things of value from him. He has enriched my life, because I saw that if one can hold his temper and remain cheerful at all times he could really accomplish much that would not otherwise be possible.

I think all of us appreciate the fact that one thing that caused us to become so closely associated with DWIGHT was the fact that we loved that cheerful disposition. He was a dependable person. There was nothing about him that would mislead you. He was the soul of honor.

He thought that he was in good health. I talked with him shortly before his passing and we were discussing the fact that public service is a strenuous life. He told me that he thought he was in good, sound physical condition. We can never tell about those things. From the press report, he was actively engaging in his work at the time of his passing, and the death angel almost caught him at his desk.

I found him to be strong in action, loyal to his purpose, and upright in life.

When I think of the sudden, and what many of us would consider the untimely, passing of this good man, it makes me believe more strongly in the words of the poet:

There is no death, I am sure of that,
The thing that seems to be
Is but a touch of winter
That lays bare the spreading tree.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, notice of the untimely passing of our late colleague, the Honorable DWIGHT L. ROGERS, came to us, I know, and to all of his many friends, with grievous and stunning impact.

I join with all those whose lives have been brightened by his friendship and whose days have been saddened by his death, in sorrow.

It has been my great privilege to be DWIGHT ROGERS' closest neighbor in the House Office Building since the day I came into this body 6 years ago, and the memory of his helpful attentions and courtesies to me as a freshman will stay with me forever.

A friendly man by nature and a kindly man, he made friends easily and held friendships securely. Pleasant memories of Mr. ROGERS, we may be sure, will long remain in the minds and in the hearts of all those whose great privilege it has been to know him.

I extend to his devoted wife and his splendid sons my most profound sympathy in this time of their bereavement.

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, the Congress of the United States can ill afford to lose men like DWIGHT ROGERS. There was little difference in our ages and he started his service in the Congress only a short time after I did. From the beginning it was abundantly evident that he was a fine American and a worthy Member of the House of Representatives.

His was a gentle character, with a keen sense of humor, a devotion to duty which was outstanding, and a facility for

making friends which won many to him. His love for his country and his abiding faith were equaled by few men, and his was a distinct contribution to the preservation of good government and the American principles of liberty and freedom. A large part of his life was devoted to public service, and being recognized as a leader among men, he held many positions of trust. He performed his duties with zeal and fidelity and would not compromise with evil. I glory in the fact that we were friends, and it is nothing less than the truth to say that the world is richer for his life.

My warm sympathy goes out to his family at this time, and I trust that the tender mercies of Almighty God may assuage their grief.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I would join in the remarks of my distinguished colleagues from Florida in expressing my sincere regret and the sense of deep loss that has come to our State with the passing of one of its outstanding leaders and great Congressman, DWIGHT L. ROGERS. It was not my pleasure to know him well. It was my privilege to have met Mr. ROGERS and to have known well his many great efforts in the Florida Legislature and in these Halls of Congress. From his many close friends and associates I feel that I have been privileged to learn of the many great achievements that are counted in his long record of service. Mr. ROGERS was an outstanding Floridian whose great personal charm and friendly nature made friends for himself and our State wherever he went. He was counted among the most able men in this legislative body and the reflection of his labors for Florida and the Nation is clearly shown in the development of our State and the dignity of our country. Such men are not to be replaced. We who serve here now may only persevere in emulating their patterns of achievement and devoted service.

At this time I would express my humble regret and join with all his many friends and neighbors in bereavement over his passing.

To his widow and devoted family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, the State of Florida and the Nation have suffered a great loss in the passing of our colleague, DWIGHT L. ROGERS.

I shall personally miss Congressman ROGERS every time I attend a session of Congress, as he was always present at practically every session of Congress since he was first elected to represent the great State of Florida in the National House of Representatives.

I certainly join with the members of his fine family in mourning his untimely passing.

Congressman ROGERS was always interested in every piece of legislation pending before the House that had for its purpose the preservation of our Constitution and the betterment of the people of this country in general.

Again let me state that this Nation can ill afford to lose men of Congressman ROGERS' character and ability during these critical times.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of our colleague, DWIGHT L. ROGERS, his district, his State, and the Nation lost a valuable public servant.

He was honest and honorable and highly respected by Members on both sides of the aisle. I do not think he had an enemy anywhere. He loved people. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to help someone.

He was born and reared in the State of Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia. A young man in his teens when he entered the university, he was admired by all and was elected president of the freshman class. Following his graduation at the university, he practiced his profession for many years in Ocilla, Ga. He was a brilliant lawyer and highly esteemed by the judges and the lawyers.

His life was not a life spent in a mad struggle for material wealth. He possessed dignity without arrogance, and firmness without intolerance.

DWIGHT ROGERS will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I feel that I have lost one of my dearest friends. He always looked for the best in man and found it. Throughout his wonderful career I have never heard anyone speak ill of him.

I think every Member of this Chamber who knew DWIGHT ROGERS loved him and feels a great loss in his passing.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and children.

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, of few Members of this House could it be more truly said than of DWIGHT L. ROGERS that every colleague was his good friend. The late gentleman from Florida proffered his sterling friendship freely, and only a petrified heart could rebuff it. No matter how gray the day or grim the legislative task at hand, it seemed that he had always with him the essence of Florida sunshine to share with one and all.

Mr. ROGERS came to this House with a fine background in the law and substantial experience as a State legislator. He applied himself conscientiously to the committee tasks assigned him, and he won quickly the respect and confidence of his colleagues here. It was my privilege to serve with him for a time on the great Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and I profited from the association. I do not believe anyone could have failed to be the gainer from knowing DWIGHT ROGERS.

In the committee room, in the House Chamber, wherever he was in these Halls of Congress, there was the spirit of genuine friendliness. This is not to suggest that Mr. ROGERS took his legislative labors lightly. He was a gentleman of natural dignity who demonstrated a deep consciousness of the honor and responsibility which were his as the Representative of the Sixth District of Florida.

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The fine citizens who sent DWIGHT ROGERS to serve with us lost in his passing an earnest and effective legislator and a kindly and engaging ambassador of good will. All of us who knew and loved him were deeply saddened in the knowledge that we were to return to the Capitol and find him no longer here. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and sons.

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, every Member of the House who had the great privilege of serving with DWIGHT ROGERS begins this session with a sense of grief. His death robs us of an association we cherished, and the Nation of the service of an able and devoted public servant. His responsible use of his rare endowments of mind and heart for the advancement of his State and Nation was widely recognized, and the passing of such a leader brings great personal sorrow.

In one of his last utterances in this Chamber, DWIGHT ROGERS spoke of the curtain of death. It is our faith that the drawing of this curtain opens the way to a larger life, and certainly our beloved Member from Florida was prepared for the adventure. We may say of him, as Georgia Harkness said of her friend, Galen Fisher:

He was a gentle soul of valiant strength.
In him was life forever young and strong;
Around the world men loved him, for the length
Of shadow that he cast was straight and long.

The new year comes—the old must have an end—
And many a wish is spoken, kind and true,
So, forward turns the spirit of our friend
To work with God in fields of service new.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, when I heard of the sudden death of DWIGHT L. ROGERS I was shocked. I had just left him several weeks before this occurred. In fact, I believe that he and I played the last game of golf in which he participated at the Burning Tree Club. When we left the clubhouse he told me he was going home to Fort Lauderdale to help his sons in their law practice and also

to play some golf at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Little did I think that this would be the last time that I would see my friend. He looked like a person in perfect health, both mentally and physically.

During our service in Congress, DWIGHT ROGERS and myself became very good friends. He was an able pleader for the things that he thought were right. I never saw him exhibit any acrimony in debate, but he zealously and effectively pleaded for legislation which he supported.

He was a member of the great Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and I have personal knowledge that he was very highly regarded by his colleagues on the committee. A man's legislative life in the House of Representatives revolves around his committee assignment.

Mr. ROGERS also was a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. He was a man who had a keen sense of humor. He had a fine family life, and in every way was an excellent citizen. His sudden death reminded me of the expression "Nothing is so certain as death and nothing so uncertain as the time of death."

He died the way I hope I may die. He was in perfect health and had his full mental vigor up to the last minute of his life.

DWIGHT L. ROGERS was a true representative of his people. He listened to his constituents, he studied the proposals on which he was called upon to vote, and he made his decision as to what course of action he should take by his vote. Knowing him as I did, I know that whatever his vote was it was for what he believed to be for the best public interest.

It is very pleasing to us who admired DWIGHT L. ROGERS to have one of his sons with us in the House. We are sure that he will carry into his work the high standard of service that his distinguished father practiced.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 16) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. DWIGHT L. ROGERS, a Representative from the State of Florida.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I move that as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 24 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 6, 1955, at 12 o'clock noon.

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